

IVER B. PETERSON DEAD; ATE CONCENTRATED LYE

Man Who Gave His Wife a Terrible Beating, and Was Committed to Beltrami County Jail, Succumbed at Poor Farm Yesterday.

—Was Sorry for His Acts.—Drank Heavily.

Iyer B. Peterson, who was committed to the county jail to await the action of the next grand jury on the charge of assault, and who has been an inmate of the county poor farm for treatment for bad burns resulting from swallowing concentrated lye, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Since Peterson was taken from the county jail and removed to the poor farm, he has suffered much, and gradually wasted away until his death yesterday. His mouth, throat, and as far as one could see down his throat was a mass of raw flesh, burned by the lye, and all the nourishment he was able to take was milk, and toward the last a little olive oil to ease the pain from the burns. His body was emaciated by his enforced fasting.

Peterson, who lived at Williams Siding, near Beaudette, was arrested on the charge of assault on the person of his wife, whom he gave a terrible beating, while he was under the influence of liquor. It was stated among neighbors that Peterson had assaulted his wife on several previous occasions, and as he had been drinking very steadily, it was decided to put him under arrest, with the result that he

was bound over to the grand jury and committed to the Beltrami county jail. While he was being held at Williams, he swallowed a lot of lye, which burned him terribly.

Before Peterson died, he rid himself of the effects of the alcohol which he had drank and was exceedingly sorry for his acts. He asked and received advice from several members of clergy, and was sincerely repentant.

Peterson stated to Superintendent Phillippi that he had a wife and nine children, at Williams, and that he had left them with a large amount of flour and \$200. He desires that his wife be sent for, but she has not yet arrived. If Mrs. Peterson does not appear by tomorrow morning, the body will be interred at the poor farm.